### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inducing and/or stimulating the growth of keratin fibers and/or for reducing their loss and/or increasing their density comprising applying to said keratin fibers and/or to the skin from which said fibers emerge, in a subject in need of such treatment, an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt

thereof:

in which:

- [[ullet]] R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl-radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>1</sub>,

a group  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  with  $R_8$  representing OH or -S- $(CH_2)_mR_9$ , with  $R_9$  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to

### at least one of $R_1$ and $R_2$ representing $(CH_2)_nR_8$ as defined above;

- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub>-and R<sub>2</sub>-form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[●]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]]  $CF_3$ ;
- [[●]] R₄ is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, said rings phenyl, optionally being substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>4</sub> selected from the group defined by R below;
- [[•]] R is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and
  - [[-]] the groups  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$  and  $COOR_7$ ;
- [[●]] A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkyl radical;
- [[●]] T₁-is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub> and SR<sub>6</sub>;
- [[●]] R<sub>6</sub>-is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, optionally substituted with a furyl radical; and
- [[●]] R<sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl; or

### (b) the compound of the formula

- 2. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic method for caring for and/or making up human keratin fibers, to induce and/or stimulate their growth, to reduce their loss and/or to increase their density comprising applying to said keratin fibers and/or to the skin from which said fibers emerge, in a human subject in need of such cosmetic treatment, a cosmetic composition comprising a physiologically acceptable medium and an effective amount of:
- (a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R5 & 0 & R1 & (I) & R_2 & (I) & R_3 & (I) & R_4 & (I) & R_5 & (I) & R_6 &$$

in which:

[ $[\bullet]$ ] R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>17</sub>
- a group (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> with R<sub>8</sub> representing OH or -S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, with R<sub>9</sub>
  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to

  10.
- at least one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> representing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> as defined above;
- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[●]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] CF<sub>3:</sub>
- [[•]] R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, phenyl optionally being-substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>4</sub> selected from the group defined by R below;
- [[●]] R is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and
  - [[-]] the groups  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$  and  $COOR_7$ ;
- [[●]] A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radical;
- [[●]] T₁-is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub> and SR<sub>6</sub>;
- [[●]] R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:

- [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, optionally substituted with a furyl radical; and
- [ $[\bullet]$ ] R<sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl; or
    - (b) the compound of the formula

- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting reducing 15-hydroxyprostaglandin dehydrogenase comprising applying to keratin fibers or to the hair follicles from which keratin fibers develop, in a subject in need of such inhibition reduction, an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof:

**(I)** 

in which:

- [[•]] R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-G<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>1</sub>,

a group  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  with  $R_8$  representing OH or  $-S-(CH_2)_mR_9$ , with  $R_9$  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to 10,

at least one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> representing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> as defined above;

- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[ullet]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and  $CF_3$ ;
- [ $[\bullet]$ ] R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and

- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, said rings phenyl, optionally being-substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>4</sub> selected from the group defined by R below;
- [[●]] R is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and
  - [[-]] the groups  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$  and  $COOR_7$ ;
- [[●]] A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radical;
- [[●]] T₁-is-selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub> and SR<sub>6</sub>;
- [[●]] R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radicals, optionally substituted with a furyl radical; and
- [[●]] R<sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl; or
    - (b) the compound of the formula

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a 15-hydroxyprostaglandin dihydrogenase disorder alopecia in a human subject in need of such treatment comprising applying to keratin fibers or to the skin from which said fibers emerge in said subject, an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R5 & 0 & R1 & (I) & R5 & R2 & (I) & R4 & R3 & (I) & R4 & R4 & (I) & R4 &$$

in which:

- [ $[\bullet]$ ] R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>17</sub>

a group  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  with  $R_8$  representing OH or  $-S-(CH_2)_mR_9$ , with  $R_9$  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to 10,

at least one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> representing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> as defined above;

- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub>-and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[ullet]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:

|                | [[-]]  | hydrogen,  |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|
|                | [[-]]  | A, and   |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | CF <sub>3</sub> ;  |  |  |
| [[•]]          | R <sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:                                   |  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | hydrogen,  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | A, and   |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, said rings                          |  |  |
|                | phenyl, optionally being substituted with at least one substituent T <sub>4</sub> selected |  |  |  |
|                | from   | the group defined by R below;  |  |  |
| [[•]]          | R is selected from the group consisting of:  |  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | the groups OR <sub>7</sub> , SR <sub>7</sub> and COOR <sub>7</sub> ;                             |  |  |
| [[•]]          | A repre  | A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ alkyl radical       |  |  |
| [[•]]          | T₁ is selected from the group consisting of OR <sub>6</sub> and SR <sub>6</sub> ;          |  |  |  |
| [[•]]          | R <sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:                                   |  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | hydrogen, and  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -alkyl-radicals,    |  |  |
| optic          | otionally substituted with a furyl radical; and  |  |  |  |
| [[•]]          | R <sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:                                   |  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | hydrogen, and  |  |  |
|                | [[-]]  | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> alkyl; or           |  |  |
| v <del>.</del> |  | (b) the compound of the formula  |  |  |
|                |  |  |  |  |

- 6. (Previously Presented) The method according to one of the preceding claims, wherein the keratin fibers are selected from the group consisting of head hair, the eyebrows, the eyelashes, beard hair, moustache hair and pubic hair.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic method for caring for human hair, to reduce hair loss and/or to increase hair density and/or to treat alopecia of natural origin, in a subject in need of such treatment, comprising applying to the hair or scalp of said subject a haircare composition comprising a physiologically acceptable medium and an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R5 & R1 & (I) \\ N & R2 & (I) \\ R4 & R3 & (I) \end{bmatrix}$$

in which:

- $[[\bullet]]$  R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>1</sub>,

a group  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  with  $R_8$  representing OH or  $-S-(CH_2)_mR_9$ , with  $R_9$  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to 10,

at least one of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  representing  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  as defined above;

- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[●]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] CF<sub>3</sub>;
- [[•]] R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4-to 7 atoms, said rings phenyl, optionally being-substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>4</sub> selected from the group defined by R below;
- [[●]] R is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and
  - [[-]] the groups  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$  and  $COOR_7$ ;

- [[●]] A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radical:
- [[●]] T₁ is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub> and SR<sub>6</sub>;
- [[•]] R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radicals, optionally substituted with a furyl radical; and
- [[●]] R<sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl<u>; or</u>
    - (b) the compound of the formula

- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A cosmetic method for caring for and/or making up human eyelashes, to reduce their loss and/or increase their density, comprising applying thereto an eyelash care or eyelash makeup composition comprising a physiologically acceptable medium and an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (l), or a salt thereof:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R5 & 0 & R1 & (I) & R2 & (I) & R3 & (I) & R4 & (I)$$

in which:

- [[●]] R₁ and R₂ are selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl radicals optionally substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>1</sub>,

a group  $(CH_2)_nR_8$  with  $R_8$  representing OH or  $-S_-(CH_2)_mR_9$ , with  $R_9$  representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to 10.

at least one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> representing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> as defined above;

- [[-]] or R<sub>1</sub>-and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;
- [[ullet]] R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen,
  - [[-]] A, and
  - [[-]] CF<sub>3</sub>;
- [[●]] R₄ is selected from the group consisting of:

- [[-]] hydrogen,
- [[-]] A, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, said rings phenyl, optionally being substituted with at least one substituent T<sub>4</sub> selected from the group defined by R below;
- [[●]] R is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and
  - [[-]] the groups  $OR_7$ ,  $SR_7$  and  $COOR_7$ ;
- [[●]] A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radical;
- [[●]] T₁ is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub> and SR<sub>6</sub>;
- [[●]] R<sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
- [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, optionally substituted with a furyl radical; and
- [[●]] R<sub>7</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl<u>; or</u>
    - (b) the compound of the formula

10. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) A method for caring for and/or treating human eyelashes, to induce and/or stimulate their growth and/or increase their density, comprising applying thereto a composition comprising a physiologically acceptable medium and an effective amount of:

(a) at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof:

in which:

- [[•]] R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:
  - [[-]] hydrogen, and
  - [[-]] saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_4$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl radicals optionally-substituted with at least one substituent  $T_{47}$

a group (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> with R<sub>8</sub> representing OH or -S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, with R<sub>9</sub>

representing H or furyl and n and m each representing an integer from 1 to

10,

at least one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> representing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>8</sub> as defined above;

[[-]] or R<sub>1</sub>-and R<sub>2</sub> form a heterocycle of 4 to 7 atoms with the nitrogen to which they are attached;

| [[•]] | R <sub>3</sub> and R <sub>5</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of:              |  |  |  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
|       | [[-]]   | hydrogen,  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | A, and   |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | CF <sub>3</sub> ;  |  |  |
| [[•]] | R <sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:  |  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | hydrogen,  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | A, and   |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon rings, of 4 to 7 atoms, said rings                          |  |  |
|       | pher  | yl, optionally <del>being</del> -substituted with at least one substituent T₄ selected           |  |  |
|       | from  | the group defined by R below;  |  |  |
| [[•]] | R is sel  | ected from the group consisting of:  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> alkyl radicals, and |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | the groups OR <sub>7</sub> , SR <sub>7</sub> and COOR <sub>7</sub> ;                             |  |  |
| [[•]] | A represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> alkyl radio |  |  |  |
| [[•]] | T <sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR <sub>6</sub> and SR <sub>6</sub> ;           |  |  |  |
| [[•]] | R <sub>6</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:  |  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | hydrogen, and  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -alkyl radicals,    |  |  |
| optic | nally su  | bstituted with a furyl radical; and  |  |  |
| [[•]] | R <sub>7</sub> is se  | elected from the group consisting of:  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | hydrogen, and  |  |  |
|       | [[-]]   | saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> alkyl; or           |  |  |
|       | (b) the compound of the formula   |  |  |  |

- 11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 4, wherein the amount and/or activity of the prostaglandins in the hair follicles is preserved.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 4, wherein a cosmetic composition comprising a physiologically acceptable medium and said at least one pyrazolecarboxamide compound of formula (I), or a salt thereof, effective amount of (a) or (b) is applied and the amount and/or activity of prostaglandins in the hair follicles is preserved.

#### 13-14. (Cancelled)

- 15. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 14 Claim 1, wherein  $R_1$  represents hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents a group  $(CH_2)_n$ -S- $(CH_2)_mR_9$  with n being equal to 2 and m being equal to 1.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein R<sub>9</sub> represents furyl.

- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 16, wherein R<sub>4</sub> represents an optionally substituted phenyl radical.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 18, wherein at least one from among  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  represents  $CF_3$ .
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 19, wherein  $R_3$  represents  $CF_3$  and  $R_5$  represents H.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the salt of the compound of formula (I) is a salt chosen from the sodium or potassium salts, the zinc (Zn<sup>2+</sup>), calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>), copper (Cu<sup>2+</sup>), iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>), strontium (Sr<sup>2+</sup>), magnesium (Mg<sup>2+</sup>), manganese (Mn<sup>2+</sup>) and ammonium salts, the triethanolamine, monoethanolamine, diethanolamine, hexadecylamine, N,N,N',N'-tetrakis(2-hydroxypropyl)ethylenediamine and tris(hydroxymethylamino)methane salts, hydroxides, carbonates, halides, sulphates, phosphates and nitrates.
- 22. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the compound satisfies one of the following formulae:

  Compound 1

# Compound 2

# Compound 3

# Compound 4

# Compound 5

# Compound 6

# Compound 7

# Compound 8

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the compound of formula (I) or a mixture of compounds of formula (I) (a) or (b) is applied at a concentration ranging from 10<sup>-3</sup> to 10%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

#### 24.-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 23, wherein the compound of formula (l) (a) or (b) is applied at a concentration ranging from 10<sup>-2</sup> to 2%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

#### 37. (Cancelled)

- 38. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition is in the form of a hair cream, a hair lotion, a shampoo, a conditioner or a mascara for the hair or the eyelashes.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition is in the form of an aqueous, alcoholic or aqueous-alcoholic solution or suspension.
- 40. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition contains other ingredients ehosen selected from the group consisting of solvents, aqueous–phase er and oily-phase thickeners er and gelling agents, dyestuffs that are soluble in the medium of the composition, fillers, pigments,

antioxidants, preserving agents, fragrances, electrolytes, neutralizers, film-forming polymers, UV-blockers and cosmetic and pharmaceutical active agents other than the compounds of formula (I) (a) or (b), and mixtures thereof.

- 41. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition also contains another active agent ehosen\_selected from the group consisting of proteins, protein hydrolysates, amino acids, polyols, urea, allantoin, sugars and sugar derivatives, plant extracts, hydroxy acids; retinol derivatives, tocopherol derivatives, essential fatty acids, ceramides, essential oils, 5-n-octanoyl salicylic acid and other salicylic acid derivatives, hydroxy acid esters, phospholipids and vitamins, and mixtures thereof.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition also contains at least one additional active compound that promotes the regrowth and/or limits the loss of keratin fibers.
- 43. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition also contains at least one additional active compound that promotes the regrowth and/or limits the loss of keratin fibers, chosen selected from the group consisting of aminexil, 6-0-[(9Z,12Z)octadeca-9,12-dienoyl]hexapyranose, lipoxygenase inhibitors, bradykinin inhibitors, prostaglandins and derivatives thereof, prostaglandin receptor agonists or antagonists, non-prostanoic prostaglandin analogues, vasodilators, antiandrogens, cyclosporins and analogues thereof, antimicrobial agents, anti-inflammatory agents, retinoids, benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, phenol, oestradiol, chlorpheniramine maleate, chlorophylline

derivatives, cholesterol, cysteine, methionine, menthol, peppermint oil, calcium pantothenate, panthenol, resorcinol, protein kinase C activators, glycosidase inhibitors, glycosaminoglycanase inhibitors, pyroglutamic acid esters, hexosaccharidic or acylhexosaccharidic acids, aryl-substituted ethylenes, N-acyl amino acids, flavonoids, ascomycin derivatives and analogues, histamine antagonists, saponins, proteoglycanase inhibitors, oestrogen agonists and antagonists, pseudoterines, cytokines and growth factor promoters, IL-1 er and IL-6 inhibitors, IL-10 promoters, TNF inhibitors, benzophenones, hydantoin, octopirox, retinoic acid, antipruriginous agents, antiparasitic agents, antifungal agents, nicotinic acid esters, calcium antagonists, hormones, triterpenes, antiandrogens, steroidal er and non-steroidal 5-α-reductase inhibitors, potassium-channel agonists and FP receptor agonists, and mixtures thereof.

- 44. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 43, wherein the at least one additional active compound is ehosen selected from the group consisting of aminexil, FP receptor agonists and vasodilators.
  - 45. (Cancelled)
- 46. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 42, wherein the at least one additional active compound is chosen selected from the group consisting of aminexil, minoxidil, latanoprost, butaprost and travoprost.

- 47. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 2, further comprising leaving the composition in contact with the fibers and/or the skin, and optionally rinsing it off.
- 48. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 10 for caring for and/or making up human eyelashes, to improve their condition and/or appearance, comprising applying to the eyelashes and/or the eyelids a mascara composition comprising at least one compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof (a) or (b) as defined in Claim 10, and leaving this composition in contact with the eyelashes and/or the eyelids.
- 49. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 47 for caring for human hair and/or the scalp comprising applying said composition to the hair and/or the scalp, leaving the composition in contact with the hair and/or the scalp, and optionally rinsing it off.

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula:

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula:

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula:

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula:

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the keratin fibers are head hair.

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58. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 41, wherein the other active agent is 5-n- octanoyl salicylic acid or other salicylic acid derivative.

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- 59. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 43, wherein the additional active compound that promotes the regrowth and/or limits the loss of keratin fibers is aminexil.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 46, wherein the at least one additional active compound is aminexil.